

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II
Rev. William "Bill" Rinehart, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Oconee County Council met Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Press:

Members of the press notified (via mail): Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Daily Journal, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Dave Williams – Anderson Independent & Ray Chandler – Daily Journal.

Other Organizations Notified:

Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

Call to Order:

Supervisor-Chair Hughes called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

Mr. Rinehart gave the invocation.

Minutes:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 25, 2003 be adopted as printed.

Communications:

Upon recommendation of Mr. John Murray, Communications Director, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the attached transfer of funds in the amount of \$6,000 from the Communications phone line item into the Communications maintenance on equipment line item be adopted.

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Ordinance 2003-02:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2003-02, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 82-14, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ROADWAYS IN SUBDIVISIONS" be adopted on second reading.

Ordinance 2003-03:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2003-03, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 97-14, PERSONNEL POLICIES & PROCEDURES" be adopted on second reading.

Law Enforcement, Safety, Health, Welfare & Services Committee Recommendation:

Upon recommendation of the Law Enforcement, Safety, Health, Welfare & Services Committee, Council voted unanimously to allow the Walhalla Rescue to proceed with construction of their building on the LEC site with the county providing some site preparation and the Rescue Squad providing the funding.

Solicitor (Contingency):

Upon request of Mrs. Phyllis Lombard, Finance Director, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that \$1,300 be taken from contingency and placed in the Solicitor's phone line item.

Addendum to February 13, 2003 Council Minutes:

Mrs. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that the February 13, 2003 Council Minutes be amended to reflect the appointment of Mr. Gary McMahan to the Governmental Transition Committee.

Solid Waste Report:

Mr. Bradley Norton, County Attorney, informed Council the discussions regarding solid waste issues will continue and the goal is to make solid waste disposal more efficient and cost effective.

Transition Committee:

On behalf of the Transition Committee, Mr. Rinehart extended an invitation to Mrs. Hughes to attend any and all their meetings.

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Committee Appointments:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that Mr. Tim Tannery be reappointed to represent District IV on the Solid Waste Commission.

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Ms. Barbara Waters be reappointed to represent District IV on the Arts & Historical Commission.

Mr. Lyles made a motion that Mr. Howard Adams be reappointed to represent the City of Westminster on the Sewer Commission, however this motion died for lack of a second.

ATAX Grant:

Upon recommendation of Ms. Ansley Fraser, ATAX Committee, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the attached ATAX Grant in the amount of \$1184 to the Tokeena Beagle Club be adopted.

Homeland Security Conference:

Mrs. Hughes read portions of an e-mail she had received from Carl Hayden regarding the Homeland Security Conference County employees were attending in Washington.

Public Comment Session:

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council requesting that signs be posted indicating the new Courthouse as a temporary location until voters approve the move of the Courthouse. (See attached letter)

Mr. Lawrence Kolze addressed Council regarding the minutes on the proposed County flag.

Mr. B. J. Littleton expressed appreciation to Council for not acting as a "rubber stamp" for a recommendation.

Adjourn:

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Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green, Clerk to Council